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The Times office yesterday: 9 A. M., 65;
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SECRET ALLIANCE SAYS WELLINGTON

Maryland Senator Makes
Plea for Boers

THE CHARGE DENIED.

Proofs of the Statement Demanded,
But They are Refused.

ENGLAND WINS BY DIPLOMACY

The Britons, Knowing They Dare Not
Wage War on America, Bind the
United States by Treaty, De-
clares Mr. Wellington—The
Day's Proceedings in
the Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28.—In the
course of a speech in favor of the adop-
tion of a resolution expressing the Senate's
sympathy for the Boers today, Mr. Well-
ington, of Maryland, referred to a secret
understanding existing between the United
States and Great Britain.

When Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, de-
manded proof that such an understanding
existed, Mr. Wellington said that under
the circumstances it was difficult to pre-
sent tangible proof, but he believed the
proof could be found in the secret archives
of the State Department.

Mr. Lodge replied that under our form of
government no such understanding could
exist, and as the Secretary of State had
emphatically denied the existence of any
alliance or understanding, he believed the
country would accept the statement as
true.

SUNDAY CIVIL BILL.

The reading of the sundry civil ap-
propriation bill was completed, but not all
of the committee amendments have been dis-
posed of.

A lively debate was precipitated over the
proposition to continue the life of the In-
dian Bureau, with a view to securing the
charges were made that the Commission
was being used as a Republican campaign
machine, and that important testimony
had been suppressed. The committee
amendment, however, was carried.

After some debate a partial report of
the conference report on the naval ap-
propriation bill, the armor plate question,
the course of instruction of cadets at An-
napolis, and insular coast surveys was
made in discharge.

Mr. Butler, of South Carolina, inquired
what had been done about the proposition
to authorize the Secretary of the Navy,
if he deemed it advisable, to move the
Port Royal Naval Station to Charleston.

Mr. Hale replied that it had been agreed
to by the conference.

Mr. Butler objected to the report, insist-
ing that the question of location ought to
be left open, with a view to securing the
harbor on the Southern coast for the
station. He maintained that Wilmington
was a better harbor than Charleston.

Mr. Clay, of Georgia, urged that Savan-
nah's claims should be considered.
After some debate the conference report
was agreed to by 35 to 11.

SYMPATHY FOR BOERS.

Mr. Wellington then called up Mr.
Teller's resolution expressing sympathy
for the Boers and announced that the
Government should extend its friendly
offices looking to bring the war to a close.

Mr. Wellington maintained that Con-
gress would have performed the full
measure of its duty if before adjournment
it had not passed the pledge to give the
people of Cuba a free and independent
government; if it did not declare its policy
as to the Philippine Islands, to the hold-
ing of which by the United States he
was unalterably opposed, and if it did
not take definite action in favor of the
Boers.

He declared that this country, so far as
its government was concerned, had yielded
to British blunders and was under the
spell of British influence. England dared
not, he said, attack us by force, and real-
izing this, was gaining points against us
by diplomacy. So it was during the Hispano-
American war that England professed her-
self our friend after we had broken the
power of Spain.

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"That," he explained, "was the begin-
ning of an alliance conceived in darkness
and carried out in iniquity. There has been
between the two governments a secret
agreement, although there has been no
open alliance and a surrender of American
interests to Great Britain. Despite the
desire of a vast majority of our people
that we should extend our sympathy and
good offices to the Boers, the diplomacy
of Great Britain now binds the hands of
our country.

Despite the treaties of friendship be-
tween the Boers and Great Britain they
were violated because," he maintained,
"England never kept a promise where it
was to her advantage to break it. England
was determined to gain possession of the
rich gold mines of the Transvaal," said
Mr. Wellington, "and the conspiracy or-
ganized by Cecil Rhodes and Joseph
Chamberlain saved the Boers from the
awfullest tragedies of modern times."

Mr. Wellington alleged a cordial welcome
to the Boers was being withheld because
of a secret understanding between Great
Britain and the United States, whereat
Mr. Lodge asked for proof of this asser-
tion. Mr. Wellington replied he would
read that point later, and the Boer resolu-
tion went over.

The Senate then resumed consideration
of the sundry civil appropriation bill.
When the committee's amendment, ex-
tending the life of the Industrial Com-
mission until October 31, 1901, was reached,
Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, attacked the
commission because it was not, he said, what
had been intended by the law creating it,
a non-partisan body. He therefore offered
an amendment providing that not exceeding
nine members of the commission should
be of the same political party.

Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, denounced the
commission as a "sham, fraud and delu-
sion."

The committee amendment was agreed
to, the amount appropriated being in-
creased from \$122,000 to \$125,000.
At 5:35 P. M. the Senate adjourned.

IN THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—This was a
dull day in the House, considering the
near approach of the final adjournment.
The Alaskan civil government bill was
completed and passed, and some odds and
ends of legislation were cleaned up.

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